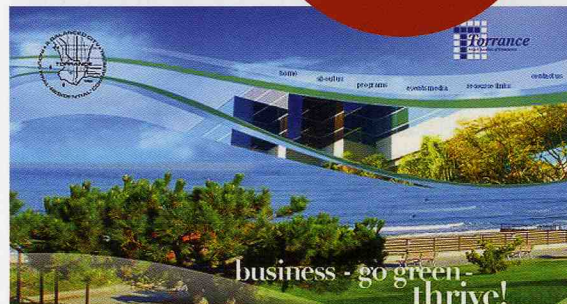
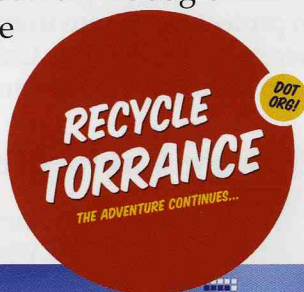


## New Environmental Websites:

[www.recycletorrance.org](http://www.recycletorrance.org) and [www.greentorrance.com](http://www.greentorrance.com)!

**R**ecycletorrance.org will be formally launched in June, but is accessible now. Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the site features information on used oil and filter recycling in a 1950's comic book style.

The site is also host to a "Google"-like search engine for finding locations to recycle a variety of items in the Torrance area.



Greentorrance.com is a site featuring environmental information for businesses, created in partnership by the City of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The site is designed to provide Torrance businesses with a comprehensive resource for "getting green" by protecting the environment, saving energy and saving money.



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## Solar-powered Traffic School Beacons

**I**n 2006, Torrance installed new solar-powered traffic beacons on streets near several public schools. The beacons have a yellow flashing light to inform drivers they are entering a reduced speed zone in the vicinity of a school. The beacons flash during the morning arrival and afternoon departure periods at the schools. All beacons are solar powered, which saves energy and lowers maintenance costs. The cost was partially subsidized by a state grant in the amount of \$227,300.



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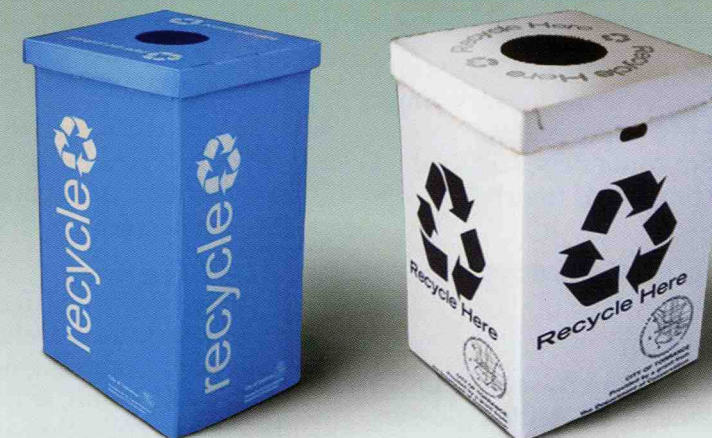
## Free Recycling Containers! Available While Supplies Last!

**U**sing grant funds from the California State Department of Conservation, the City of Torrance is offering a limited supply of recycling containers suitable for the use of Torrance businesses and organizations to help promote and collect recycling. Use them in office spaces, at soccer games, and anywhere recycling collection is needed.

Two types are available. One is white cardboard, the other is blue plastic. Both have separate lids and fold up for easy storage if needed.

Servicing and collection of materials is not included. For information on options for recycling service or drop-off recycling locations, please call Public Works or visit our website at: [www.torrnet.com/publicworks](http://www.torrnet.com/publicworks).

To get your free recycling containers, call the Public Works Department at 310-781-6900.



## NEW Larger Curbside Recycling Containers Available



**T**orrance has started to offer new 96 gallon recycling containers (current recycling containers are 64 gallon size). If you are interested in a larger container, please contact Public Works at 310-781-6900.



## Smurfit-Stone Recycling: Torrance's Curbside Recycling Partner and Local Drop-off

**S**murfit-Stone was recently awarded the contract for processing all the curbside recycling materials for the City of Torrance. Located near Torrance, Smurfit-Stone's close proximity will reduce mileage and emissions from vehicles delivering recyclables and make it more convenient to drop off materials. Its expertise will also help residents recycle more and in the proper way.

### Curbside Recycling Update!

Please note a few changes to the curbside recycling program:

**Container lids** - Recycle the lids of bottles, cans and jars, but leave them loose in the recycling bin, rather than attached to containers. This helps with the sorting process and avoids injuries.

**New paper/cardboard items** - We can now accept more paper items for recycling including paper cups, paper plates, cardboard tube chip containers, fast food wrappers, burger boxes and french fry containers.

### New full list of curbside recycling items include:

#### Paper and Cardboard

Newspaper, cardboard and mixed paper catalogues, magazines with staples, glossy paper, junk mail, computer paper, juice boxes, pizza and bakery boxes, fast food wrappings, burger boxes, french fry containers, paper cups, paper plates, cardboard tube chip containers, old corrugated containers, cereal and cracker boxes are included. Do not include napkins, tissue paper or shredded paper.



#### Aluminum, Tin and Metal Cans

Cans from drinks, soup, pet food and vegetables, as well as empty aerosol cans are included. Clean aluminum foil and trays and wire hangers can also be recycled. Do not include scrap metals from plumbing or construction materials.

#### Plastic Containers

Only plastic bottles, bags or containers with a number 1 through 7 on the bottom can be recycled. Examples include soda bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles and butter tubs. Large Styrofoam pieces (cup size or bigger) can be included, too. Do not include small Styrofoam packing material (called popcorn or peanuts), or any bottle, bag or container without a number.

#### Glass Bottles and Jars

Glass bottles and jars of any color can be recycled. Do not include glass dishes, ceramic cups and dishes, light bulbs or window glass.

#### Other curbside recycling tips:

Please rinse out containers, and be sure to drain all liquids from containers before placing containers in recycling bins.

Labels can be left on the containers. Lids can be recycled in the bin, but please take them off the containers. Flatten cardboard boxes and cut them to fit into the recycling container.

Per City Ordinance, recycling (and refuse) containers must be taken to the curb or collection area no sooner than 12 hours prior to collection, and then removed from the curb or collection area no later than 12 hours after collection. Place the recycling container at least 3 feet away from your refuse container.

## NEW Drop-off Recycling:

**S**murfit-Stone offers a free drop-off every Saturday for residents and businesses without City service to recycle all the same items taken in the curbside program (see prior page). The free drop-off is available every Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm at Smurfit-Stone 20502 South Denker Avenue Torrance, 90501 (310) 533-0333



## Curbside Green Waste Pilot Program!

**T**he pilot green waste collection program has now expanded to four different areas of the city of Torrance and covers over 4000 homes. The results have been impressive - all areas are averaging a 30% increase in diversion and a comparable decrease in their refuse tonnage over last year as well. Since nearly a third of all residential waste is green waste, this new program significantly helps with waste reduction efforts, and may ultimately divert up to 20,000 tons of waste a year upon full implementation. Green waste is used to create mulch and fertilizer products or as alternative daily cover (a needed use) at landfills.



The City of Torrance thanks all the residents participating in the pilot program and encourages residents to keep up the good work! The City is working on providing the program to all homes receiving City service for refuse and recycling as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Events:

**Free hazardous waste and electronics recycling events** on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: May 10 at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., and June 7 at American Honda, 1919 Torrance Blvd.

**Mini composting workshops** - free at the City Yard Open House - see below.

**City Yard Open House and Environmental Fair** - free at the City Yard, 20500 Madrona - Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trucks, handouts, give-aways, games, info on protecting the environment, car show - there's a lot going on. Come see what we do to keep the City of Torrance moving!

## Energy Saving Ideas

**T**he South Bay Energy Savings Center (SBESC) is our local clearing house for energy efficiency and water conservation information, training and materials. SBESC assists public agencies including cities, schools, and special districts as well as businesses and residents of the South Bay to best utilize the many resources available to them through a wide variety of statewide and local energy efficiency and water conservation programs. They provide workshops and lots of information so check them out!



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